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The Officers of the APPG on Dietary Health respond to the Health and Social Care Select Committee Parliamentary Inquiry Report

The Health and Social Care Committee calls for a new, bold approach to address diet-related ill health in England in the [‘Fixing the food environment’](#) report.

Marie Goldman MP, Co-Chair of the APPG said:

"This report from the Select Committee is unambiguous - we know that poor dietary health is driving vast and largely preventable health harms across the UK, and that this is harming our poorest communities the most. The Committee's report is clearly aligned with the consensus of public health experts - the way our food system works is broken and urgent action from Government is needed to fix it.

As the Committee concludes, action on this issue has been too slow for many years and constantly undermined by lobbying from multinational food companies. The Government has made welcome commitments to finally turn the tide and deliver better health for our children - but they must now actually deliver on those commitments and not give in to those who want to put profits before the wellbeing of the nation.

The APPG on Dietary Health will work tirelessly to see that the recommendations of this report are implemented in full."

Baroness Joan Walmsley, Vice-Chair of the APPG and Chair of the 2024 House of Lords Inquiry into Food, Diet and Obesity, said:

"This report is most welcome and builds on the work of the House of Lords Inquiry into Food, Diet and Obesity well. Both Houses of Parliament have now given an

unambiguous cross-party verdict on the causes of, and solutions to, the UK's very high rates of obesity and poor dietary health.

It is driven by a failure of the commercial food system, and the solutions are to tackle the commercial incentives that make it harder for people to live healthier lives. This includes stopping the bombardment of junk food adverts and the proliferation of fast food outlets, driving reformulation of unhealthy food and drink products, dealing with misleading product labelling and expanding programmes to make healthy food more affordable.

The experts agree, and Parliament agrees. It is now entirely with the Government to show they are listening."

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